

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th November 1871.*

No. 255. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Financial Department—Accounts, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 15th November 1871, No. 2,435 :—

THE Governor-General in Council directs that the following articles in the List B. of free imports, which is attached to Circular No. 1,821, dated 12th July 1871, viz. :—

9.—China and Japan wares, which, under Financial Order No. 2,493, dated 9th April 1870, are dutiable in the categories of Porcelain and earthenware and cabinet-ware ;

34.—Lacquered-ware, which also is taxed as cabinet-ware ;

15.—Felt, which is taxed under “ Woollen goods, other sorts ;”

29.—India rubber and manufactures thereof ; the manufactures being variously taxed, as haberdashery, stationery, and toys, and manufactured India rubber being dutiable under Gums, other sorts ;

33.—Lac, which is dutiable under dyeing and colouring materials, be excluded from List B., and entered under the headings of dutiable articles to which they are subordinate.

2. Church furniture forms a category only by arranging the articles, which come under it, according to their appropriation for a church ; but these articles, when classed on the principle of the existing tariff according to their nature or character, fall under various dutiable heads, and the category of Church furniture should accordingly be removed from List B.

3. Telegraph materials, which are shown in Import List B. as free, are dutiable under the exposition of the Customs Act in Financial Order No. 2,493, dated 9th April 1870. Practically, the bulk of such imports is free, as forming Government stores ; but as it is inexpedient to have a major heading of Telegraph stores both under dutiable and free, the head Telegraph stores should be transferred from the free List B. to the dutiable List A., as item 50½, to provide for imports of Telegraph stores not belonging to Government. Those imported for Government should form a distinct item under heading 21, Government stores, in the free List B., and under the same heading materials for State Railways, arms, ammunitions, and Military stores, coal, Naval stores, and so forth, should form distinct items. A foot-note of reference to those entries under Government stores should be supplied in the entries of corresponding articles in the dutiable section.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1871, No. 2,004.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue and to the Chamber of Com-
merce.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1821.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
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SIMLA, THE 12TH JULY 1871.

WITH reference to the Indian Tariff Act of 1871, the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that henceforth in the monthly returns of the foreign trade of each Presidency or Province of British India, having a sea-borne trade, the several articles of import and export shall be classified and arranged as they appear in the lists of articles hereto annexed, *viz.*:

- A.—Imports—Articles subject to duty.
- B.— „ —Articles free of duty.
- C.—Exports—Articles subject to duty.
- D.— „ —Articles free of duty.
- E.— „ —Articles of foreign merchandize.

2. The classification now prescribed shall be observed in all compilations of the statistics of trade and customs duties, whether monthly or annual, including the abbreviated annual return which is submitted to the Secretary of State in anticipation of the completion of the annual volume.

3. Countries will continue to be fully detailed, as hitherto, under each article, and under every kind or sub-division of each article for which subheads are specified in the lists above-mentioned; and the specification of quantities now prescribed should be strictly observed.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Dated Simla, 12th July 1871.

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to the Honble Secy-
of the Govt of India
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Directing the exclusion
of certain articles from
List B of free imports.

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The Chamber of Commerce

14th Dec. 1871. Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, Fort William.